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- 1 1. (Amended) A method of forming a plastics material article, [consisting in]
2 comprising the steps of:
3 forming an injection moulded preform between a pair of
4 complementary mould parts, which define an initial mould cavity for
5 injection of the preform,
6 separating the one of the complementary mould parts (hereinafter "the
7 Substitutable Mould Part") from the preform,
8 replacing the Substitutable Mould Part with one or more replacement
9 mould parts (hereinafter "the Replacement Mould Parts(s)") to enlarge
10 the mould cavity so as to allow stretching of the preform,
11 stretching at least part of the preform away from the other of the
12 complementary mould parts (hereinafter "the Base Mould Part") for the
13 forming of it to a finished article shape against the Replacement Mould
14 Part and
15 removing the Replacement Mould Parts(s) for release of the finish
16 formed article.
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- 1 3. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [claim 1 or] claim 2, including
2 injection of gas between it and the Base Mould Part to separate at least part of the preform
3 from the Base Mould Part.
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1 4. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any preceding] claim 3, wherein
2 the stretching of the preform is effected by injection of gas between it and the Base Mould
3 Part.

A 2 5. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any preceding] claim 4, wherein
1 the stretching of the preform is effected by lifting a portion of the preform from at least part
2 of a main piece of the Base Mould Part by a movable piece of the Base Mould Part.

1 9. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any one of claims 5 to] claim 8
2 [as appendant to claim 4], wherein the injection of gas is started before the movable piece of
3 the Base Mould Part is moved.

1 10. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any one of claims 5 to] claim 8
2 [as appendant to claim 4 or in claim 9], wherein the injection of gas is started before the
3 replacement with the Replacement Mould Part(s) is complete.

A 3 11. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any preceding] claim 10,
1 wherein the preform is attached to a main piece of the Base Mould Part by virtue of this
2 piece being polished, at least locally.

1 12. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any preceding] claim 11,
2 wherein the preform is stretched from a portion of it temporarily captivated by the
3 Replacement Mould Parts(s).

1 13. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any preceding] claim 12,
2 wherein the preform is stretched to substantially the final shape of the finish formed article.

1 14. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any preceding] claim 13,
2 wherein a stretched portion of the preform is urged into contact with the Replacement Mould
3 Part(s) for its final temperature control by application of increased gas pressure on the Base
4 Mould Part side of the preform (which may be from gas applied for lifting and/or stretching
5 of the preform) and/or by application of reduced gas pressure on the Replacement Mould
6 Part(s) side of the preform.

1 15. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any preceding] claim 14,
2 wherein the enlarged mould cavity is defined by a plurality of Replacement Mould Parts.

1 18. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [claim 15, claim 16 or] claim 17,
2 wherein the plurality of Replacement Mould Parts are provided with ducts for temperature
3 control fluid and the article is brought to the temperature required for it to be sufficiently
4 rigid for its removal by passage of temperature control fluid through the ducts after
5 stretching and prior to opening of the Replacement Mould Parts.

1 19. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [anyone of claims 1 to] claim 14,
2 wherein the enlarged mould cavity is defined by a single, or one per impression where the
3 tool has multiple impressions, Replacement Mould Part moved bodily into its replacement
4 position.

1 22. (Amended) A forming method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims]
2 claim 21, wherein the stretched portion of the preform is stretched by between a factor of
3 2:1 and 4:1.

1 25. (Amended) A mould tool as claimed in [claim 23 or] claim 24, wherein the or
2 each Replacement Mould Part has temperature control fluid ducts.

1 26. (Amended) A mould tool as claimed in [claim 23, claim 24 or] claim 25,
2 wherein the Base Mould Part has a movable piece, for lifting a portion of the preform from
3 the Base Mould Part, the movable piece being adapted to seal with a main piece of the Base
4 Mould Part on injection of plastics material.

1 29. (Amended) A mould tool as claimed in [claim 26, claim 27 or] claim 28,
2 including a pressure gas connection internally of the said main piece and the liftable piece of
3 the Base Mould Part, whereby pressure gas can be introduced on the Base Mould Part side
4 of the preform on lifting of the liftable piece via an aperture in the said main piece normally
5 closed by the liftable piece.

1 30. (Amended) A mould tool as claimed in [any one of claims 23 to] claim 29,
2 wherein a plurality of Replacement Mould Parts are translationally mounted on the Base
3 Mould Part for movement to form the enlarged cavity and means is provided for moving the
4 Replacement Mould Parts between their withdrawn position and their advanced position.

1 31. (Amended) A mould tool as claimed in claim [23 to] 29, wherein a plurality
2 of Replacement Mould Parts are pivotally mounted on the Base Mould Part for movement to
3 form the enlarged cavity and means is provided for moving the Replacement Mould Parts
4 between their withdrawn position and their advanced position.

1 33. (Amended) A mould tool as claimed in [any one of claims 23 to] claim 29,
2 wherein a single, or one per impression where the tool has multiple impressions,
3 Replacement Mould Part is translationally mounted on the Substitutable Mould Part or on the
4 Base Mould Part for bodily movement to provide the enlarged cavity.

1 35. (Amended) A mould tool as claimed in [claim 33 or] claim 34, including: